

June 2001 JOURNAL

Election Results

Council: Glenn A. Cowan 165, Nicholas D. Dale 38,
Sabina Emerson 126, John H. Lossing 33,
Barbara M. Scharman 223

JUNE AGENDA

Town Meeting: June 18, 7:00 p.m.
Worksession immediately following

Sunoco's Special Exception, modification and request for Town Variance
Re-use of gym at H.O.C. 10400 Detrick Ave.
Jubilee request resolution for support on a grant for a
non-profit organization
Outsourcing of Town trash collection

Meeting Schedule

July 2, 7:00 p.m. Organizational Meeting
July 30, 7:00 p.m. Town Meeting followed by Worksession
August 27, 7:00 p.m. Town Meeting followed by Worksession

Contact us at 3710 Mitchell Street, Kensington, MD 20895. Phone: 301-949-2424
FAX: 301-949-4925, E-mail: mayor.council@tok.org.

Mayor's Report

Howard Avenue

The work on Howard Avenue is progressing on schedule. The landscaping in front of the Allfirst Bank has been planted but we are going to wait until fall to plant the trees. Montgomery County feels that they have a better chance if planted in the fall. All of Phase II should be completed by the fall of this year.

Metropolitan Avenue Streetscape

The Mayor attended a pre-construction meeting with State Highway Administration on May 17th. The project is scheduled to begin this month.

War Memorial Update

Over the last several months we have been obtaining bids for the repair of our war memorial in Ernest Park. After receiving the bids we felt we should explore replacement. We have sent all bids collected to our insurance company and they are following procedures to collect funds from the insurance company of the person who demolished our memorial in an auto accident this year.

Meetings or Events Attended by the Mayor

- The Mayor attended the last legislative meeting in Annapolis for this session.
- She attended a seminar held by DHCA. It was well attended by merchants in our Town.
- The Kensington Cabin Committee met once this month. The Mayor was in attendance.
- The Mayor testified before the County Council in support of the funding of \$100,000 that County Executive Doug Duncan allocated in the County Budget for our Community Center. We were successful in being granted the funds.
- The Mayor met with the newly formed Commercial Development Review Committee. They discussed the goals of the committee and some of the areas they wish to see improved in the commercial area.
- The Mayor attended a Chapter Meeting of the Maryland Municipal League in the Town of Oakland as a member of Board of Directors of MML.
- She attended a Prince Georges MML Chapter Meeting and a Montgomery County Chapter Meeting this month.

Building Permits Issued

10580 Metropolitan Avenue repair fire damage
10408 Montgomery Avenue interior renovation

TOWN MEETING

May 21, 2001

Mayor Raufaste and Council Members Tucker, Pfautz, O'Donnell and Bruch, Code Enforcement Officer Hamilton were present and the following issues were addressed:

Council Actions

Council Member O'Donnell moved to adopt the minutes as circulated.

Council Member O'Donnell moved to adopt the 2001/02 Budget. Seconded and passed unanimously with Mayor concurring.

Council Member O'Donnell moved to clarify verbiage in the variance requirements to read:

Section 5-104 Subsection (C) the sentence that currently reads, "... upon written request for a variance, the Council may approve alternative building lines where it appears that..." Council Member O'Donnell moved to strike " where it appears " and insert instead "...where in the judgement of the Council...".

Variance Requested: 3916 Washington Street

These Variances include:

1. East side roof overhang (4 inches plus gutter)
2. East side lower deck stair (4 feet)
3. West side roof overhang 2' – 6" plus gutter)

Council Member Tucker moved to grant the variance requested for 3916 Washington Street. Moved and passed by vote of three in favor and one abstention.

Council Member O'Donnell made the motion to change Section 6-504 (m) penalties to read: Class A fine of \$520.00 for first offense and same amount for repeat offense. Council Member Tucker seconded and it was unanimous.

WorkSession of Mayor and Council

Rinaldi request for security. The Council agreed to send a letter to Mr. Rinaldi informing him that he will be permitted to temporarily install a 6'6" construction fence across the front of his parking lot from the building to the property line on the east. He will also be permitted to temporarily board the windows and paint them the same color as the building. The Council took this measure to secure the property to prevent glass and trash from accumulating and dumping from occurring.

The Council discussed and by a consensus decided to support all measures by MARC to give pedestrians a safe crossing of the track at our train station. The Council is opposed to a quiet zone in Kensington.

The Council is waiting for a report from DPW Mark Joel to discuss the feasibility of contracting our trash collection. After he presents a full report, the Council will put outsourcing of trash on the agenda for comments from the citizens and after a full evaluation of the report will make a decision.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

ANNUAL REPORT ON THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY DEER MANAGEMENT PLAN AND
RECOMMENDATION FOR FY 2002
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27, 7:00 – 10 P.M.
REDLAND MIDDLE SCHOOL
6505 Muncaster Mill Road, Rockville

The public will have an opportunity to comment on the report and its recommendations at the meeting:

- 7:00p.m. Deer Impacts to the Forest Ecosystem**
 A presentation by Dr. William McShea,
 Conservation Research Center, Smithsonian Institute
- 7:45p.m. Deer Management Program Update and Recommendations for FY 02**
- 8:15 p.m. Public Comment and Questions**
- 9:45 p.m. Completion of Questionnaires**

Written comments concerning the recommendations may be submitted prior to June 27 to:
Donald K. Cochran, Director of Montgomery Parks, Parkside Headquarters, 9500 Brunett Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20901.

Additional information may be obtained by calling the deer Management Hotline at (301) 495-3585.

REMINDER: TOWN PICNIC JUNE 16, 3PM – 6PM KENSINGTON CABIN PARK

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION PUBLIC MEETING

The Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) invites citizens interested in historic preservation in Montgomery County to learn more about the HPC and to provide the HPC with input on the County's preservation program.

To facilitate this, the HPC will hold its regular public meetings in June and July at different locations around Montgomery County. In addition, the HPC is setting aside one hour before each of these meetings (from 6p.m. to 7p.m.) for informal, open discussions with any interested citizens – including members of Local Advisory Panels – who would like to talk with the HPC about preservation in Montgomery County. Light refreshments will be served.

July 11 Kensington Town Hall (Kensington Armory)
6 – 7p.m. 3710 Mitchell Street
 Kensington

**The Town of Kensington expresses its deepest
condolences to the families of Norman Johnson, a part time employee of the Town and
Pat Palik, a long time resident who contributed so much to the quality of life in our
Town.**